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The PEARL RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION met pursuant to appointment; and, Bro. J. E. POUNS being absent, the introductory discourse was preached by Bro. JESSE CRAWFORD, from JOHN, 18th chap. and 36 verse: "My Kingdom is not of this world."

After an intermission, the delegates from the churches convened in the meeting-house, sang a hymn, and prayer was offered by Bro. WM. FORTENBERRY.

The former Moderator and Clerk being in their seats, the Association was called to order, and the letters from the churches were read by Bros. WM. BARNES and JAMES MIKELL.

Proceeded to the election of officers—Bros. JAMES MIKELL and M. M. FORTENBERRY acting as tellers. JESSE CRAWFORD was chosen Moderator, NORVELL ROBERTSON Clerk, and SIMEON ROSS, Treasurer. Bro. BARNES was appointed Reading Clerk.

On invitation, the church at Salem, Pike county, presented a dismission letter from the Mississippi Association, and also a petition for admission into this Association, and was thereupon received into our body.

Bros. WM. WILLIAMS, T. K. MAXWELL, J. MIKELL, H. DAVIS and J. CONEY, were appointed a committee to arrange preaching during the present session.

Received communication from sister Associations as follows, viz: from the Ebenezer, a letter by Bros. W. E. SHEPPARD and J. A. BOUTWELL, her messengers; from the Mississippi, a letter and package of minutes, by her messengers, ZACARIAH REEVES and SAMUEL BULLOCK; from the Eastern Louisiana, a letter and package of minutes, by her messengers, B. L. LEE and JOHN SIMMONS; from the Strong River, a letter and parcel of minutes, by her messenger, R. D. MIDDLETON.

Agreed to continue correspondence with sister Associations; and Bro. SIMEON ROSS was appointed to write to the Mississippi—Bros. J. CRAWFORD and WM. FORTENBERRY, messengers; Bro. HOOKER to write to the Ebenezer—Bros. N. ROBERTSON and J. D. CANNON, mesengers; Bro. M. M. FORTENBERRY to write to the Eastern Louisiana—Bros. J. CRAWFORD and WM. FORTENBERRY, messengers; Bro. G. H. BARRETT to write to the Mississippi River—Bros. C. MAGEE and J. B. LEWIS, messengers; Bro. J. MIKELL to write to the Strong River—Bros. WM. WILLIAMS and THOS. PRICE, messengers.

The committee on preaching, reported that they had appointed Bros. WM. E. SHLPPARD, Z. REEVES, and N. ROBERTSON, to preach on Sunday.

Bros. N. COWART and E. THORNHILL, were appointed an auditing committee.

Bro. SHEPPARD led in prayer, and then adjourned to meet at 9 o'clock, on Monday morning.

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MONDAY, *September* 13, 9 o'clock, A. M.

Prayer by Bro. ROBERTSON.

Called the Roll.

The Rules of Order were read.

Letters to corresponding Associations were read and approved.

Agreed to meet in Association, next year, with the Church

at State Line, on Saturday before the second Lord's day in September.

The Auditing Committee made a report, which was accepted; whereupon

The Treasurer's Report was read, approved, and ordered to be printed with our minutes.

Bro. WM. WILLIAMS was appointed to preach the introductory sermon to the next Association, and Bro. N. ROBERTSON, his alternate.

Bro. ROBERTSON was appointed to superintend the printing and distribution of our minutes; and ordered that the Treasurer pay him the usual allowance for said service.

At the instance of Bro. WM. FORTENBERRY, ordered, that the Constitution, Rules of Order, &c., of this Association, be printed with the minutes of this year.

Ordered, That one hundred copies, extra, of our minutes, be printed, for distribution, by our Missionaries.

On motion, by Bro. ROBERTSON, it was

Resolved, That we regard it as a subject of sincere gratification, that we have now a valuable family religious newspaper, published at the city of Jackson, in this State, by Bro. JOHN T. FREEMAN, viz: *The Mississippi Baptist*; that we approve of the independent, firm, and moderate course pursued by the editor; that we believe it will prove a blessing to every family where it is read, and we take pleasure in recommending it to the confidence and patronage of the public.

The Clerk stated that the volume containing the series of Associational minutes of this body, has not yet been placed in his hands; that he had used his best effort to procure it, but had not succeeded in finding out where it is: whereupon Bro. G. H. BARRETT was requested to make such inquiry as practicable to obtain it, by our next session.

The subject referred to the churches by the Association last year, as to whether they were willing that any disposable moneys in the Associational fund should be appropriated to

missionary purposes, was taken up, and as the churches at Bethel and Fair River had made objection, the Association would not assume the power to control their contributions to that fund; and, though the minority was very small, the Association resolved to respect their wishes.

MISSIONARY BUSINESS.

The annual Report of the Missionary Board was read by the Secretary of the Board, and approved by the Association.

Bro. SHEPPARD, our Missionary, then addressed the Association, giving us important and very interesting information in relation to the present condition and prospects of that part of country where his labors have been bestowed.

The former members of the Missionary Board were reappointed, to wit: JAMES MIKELL, M. M. FORTENBERRY, HYMRICK HOOKER, T. J. WHITE, A. J. BURKETT, F. M. POLK, S. H. WALKER, WM. BARNES, N. ROBERTSON, JAS. M. CANNON, JESSE D. CANNON, and SIMEON ROSS.

The business of the Association being brought to a close, after the reading and approval of the minutes, the Moderator delivered an oppropriate valedictory; then sang a hymn—Bro. REEVES led in prayer, and

Then adjourned.

JESSE CRAWFORD, Moderator.

N. BOBERTSON, Clerk.

REPORT OF THE MISSIONARY BOARD.

Under any circumstances, your Board takes pleasure in presenting to your consideration the subject of extending the interests of the Redeemer's Kingdom. And although an interposition of Divine Providence prevents us from reporting to you so great an amount of labor as we had reason to anticipate, yet, with thankfulness and joy, we are able to report progress and success.

Soon after your last session, your Board convened and engaged the services of Bro. Wm. E. Sheppard, who desired, with the approbation of the Board, to spend a large proportion of his time in your service, and, accordingly, made arrangements, in the winter, to commence his labors; but, a short time before he should have left home to fill his appointments, he was attacked with severe indisposition, by which he was incapacitated for a length of time to perform any service, and, after his partial recovery, his physician advised him that he could not, with any reasonable hope of safety, engage in the duties of his itinerancy before the opening of warm weather. Of this Providential interference with our hopes, Bro. Sheppard apprised the Board in due time; at least, as soon as circumstances would justify it. But as we saw no remedy, we were compelled to submit to our disappointment. In the begining of the summer tour, Bro. Sheppard was able to commence his labors, and prosecuted the work with fidelity, and a gratifying measure of success. By his various reports, we learn that in many places a deep interest is manifested, and present appearances are more flattering than at any previous period of his labors in that part of the country. We should have been glad to present a more general and circumstantial view of the religious condition of the field to which Bro. Sheppard's labors have been devoted; but we can only refer you to him for a verbal statement, as his reports will not enable us to present it to you in this annual report of our transactions.

Bro. SHEPPARD has spent sixty-seven days in your service, and has preached seventy-seven sermons, delivered twenty-four exhortations, and has addressed nearly four thousand persons on the subject of the Great Salvation. He has visited ninety-nine families, and traveled nearly one thousand miles. He has baptised twelve converts, who have given themselves to the Lord, and received two others, who have not yet been baptised. Considering the time our missionary has been engaged, we are constrained to say he has performed a respectable amount of labor, and we see equal grounds of gratitude for the past and encouragement for the future.

You will, of course, expect your Board to make some reference to the subject entertained by your body at your last session, in relation to the location of a resident minister at some eligible point within the field of your operations; and even if we had nothing to communicate, we would feel ourselves inexcusable to pass the subject in silence. We are sensible that this object has doubled the responsibilities of our trust, and we have therefore desired not to take one unguarded step. And now we have no wish to create expectations and awaken hopes in which the facts and circumstances would not bear us out, when a failure would have produced a disappointment. We will, therefore, submit to you all that is within our present partial information. A deputation from this Board presented the subject to the Ebenezer Association at their last session, when we found that it enlisted their cordial solicitude, and we felt assured of securing their ready and active co-operation. And we find that this enterprise meets with very general favor, not only within the bounds of these two Associations, but also in places quite remote from both. Bro. A. P. ROBERTSON, the clerk of the Ebenezer Association, has recently held a correspondence with some of the functionaries of the Southern Baptist Convention, who have informed him that they have no doubt that that body will appropriate, annually, to this object, from $200 to $300. Your Board regards this as plainly signifying the Divine

Will. Bro. ROBERTSON also thinks that Association will guarantee $100. If the object fails for want of means, we fear that our vindication may prove to be no easy task. Whether sister Associations, or the General Association of Southeastern Mississippi, will afford us any aid in prosecuting our efforts in this behalf, your Board are not able to say; but we believe that some small assistance would be derived from the people for whose spiritual benefit this effort is made. Upon the whole, we feel a good degree of confidence that the necessary pecuniary means can be obtained. But the great difficulty of procuring a suitable minister to occupy this important station, still remains to be provided for. In regard to this part of your plan, your Board would state, for the information of the body, that there is a Minister within the brounds of the Mt. Pisgah Association who is reputed to be a brother of respectable and improving gifts, well approved by the church and generally acceptable, who has for several years past been impressed with a desire to go down there and labor among those destitute people. The clerk of the Ebenezer Association, before referred to, has informed a member of our body that he has had an interview with the preacher alluded to above, and held with him a free and unreserved conversation on the subject. In this conference, he learns that two difficulties interpose themselves in the way of this brother's acceptance of such an appointment. The first is his serious fears that he is not competent to the duties the trust would devolve upon him. Your Board considers this rather as a recommendation than an objection; yet we are willing to admit fully the importance of the work. The other difficulty in his way is of a more foamidable aspect; but perhaps not altogether insurmountable. It is bodily infirmity of a chronic order, which, as yet, does not disable him for the work of the ministry, and perhaps may not at all prevent his usefulness. The nature of the disease would indicate that a residence in that part of the country would be favorable to the improvement of his health.

We have no disposition to dictate to our successors in this department of your labors in the Kingdom of CHRIST, or to say anything that would forestall their future action in the premises; but with the lights now before us, we concur with others in the opinion that somewhere in the vicinity of Salem High School, on Leaf River, would be the most suitable locality for a minister appointed to this service, to select his station.

All of which we respectfully submit.

WM. BARNES, President.

N. ROBERTSON, Secretary.

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR 1858.

SIMEON ROSS,

In Account with PEARL RIVER AOSSCIATION:

Dr.

Received at the Association, 1857, from the churches, for Associational purposes	$136 00
Returned by J. E. POUNS	4 50
Balance in fund, last year, brought up	325 25
Total	$465 75

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By cash paid out to Corresponding Messengers:	
To WM. WILLIAMS	$ 7 50
To J. E. POUNS	10 50
To JESSE CRAWFORD	16 50
To WM. FORTENBERRY	13 00
To C. F. CRAWFORD	9 00
To CALVIN MAGEE	7 50
To WM. BARNES	7 50
To THOMAS PRICE	7 50
To N. ROBERTSON, for Clerk's fees and printing Minutes,	90 00
	$169 00
Balance in this fund	$296 75

Dr.

Received at last Association from the churches, for Missionary purposes	$183 20
Balance in fund brought forward	77 45
Received from WILLIAM BARNES	7 50
Total	$263 15

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By cash paid out:	
To WM. E. SHEPPARD, our Missionary, for sixty-seven days service, at $1,50 per day	$100 50
Balance in this fund	$167 65

SIMEON ROSS, Treasurer.

REPORT OF THE AUDITING COMMITTEE.

We, your Auditing Committee, beg leave to report that we have examined the Treasurer's Report, and find it correct and amply sustained by vouchers.

ELISHA THORNHILL,
NEWIT COWART.

STATISTICAL SUMMARY of the PEARL RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION—for the year 1858.

CHURCHES.	COUNTIES.	DELEGATES.	Post Offices.	Baptised	Re'd by Letter	Restored	Dismissed	Expelled	Dead	Whites	Blacks	TOTAL	Oops. Minutes	Association Fund	Missionary Fund
Antioch	Marion	N. Cowart. H. Davis	China Grove	2	4		5		1	39	35	74	25	$ 3 00	$ 4 00
Bethany	Lawrence	N. Robertson, H. Hooker, J. Mikell,	Monticello	4	1	2	8	10	6	137	35	172	80	16 00	25 00
Bahala	do	John Guines, H. Farmer	Rayville	1	2		5	3		58	6	64	30	3 00	1 50
Bethel	do	W. C. Maxwell	Monticello		1		4		1	19	1	20	16	2 00	3 00
Ebenezer	Covington	W. Barnes, W. E. Gardner	Wilksburg	2	3		2	1		34	9	43	40	5 00	13 75
Fair River	Lawrence	T. K. Maxwell	Fair River	1	1		6	2	1	56	7	63	35	5 25	10 00
Grave's Creek	Marion	*B. A. Crawford*, W. Morris	Columbia	4	1					18		18	20	2 00	
Hephzibah	Lawrence	W. W. Daniel, A. A. Sheppard	Monticello	12	4		1			65	19	84	40	5 00	17 15
Harmony	Covington	Wm. Williams, S. H. Walker	Mt. Carmel	1		1	5		1	30	7	37	20	5 00	8 00
Magee's Creek	Pike	T. P. Stovall	China Grove	3	2	1	3			35	14	49	25	5 00	
New Zion	do	C. K. Fortenberry, J. Lewis	Connelley's	9	4		2		3	57	13	70	25	6 00	4 00
Providence	do	Wm. Thornhill	Holmesville	1			2		1	20		20	15	2 25	
Pleasant Hill	Lawrence	F. Williams, J. Herrington	Bogue Chitto	1	1					20		20	25	5 00	
Red Creek	Harrison	S. C. Dale, S. Patterson	Flint Creek	9		1	5			51	3	54	25	3 00	11 35
Silver Creek	Pike	J. Crawford, G C Fortenberry, J B Lewis	Holmesville	28	10	2	4	2	5	163	61	224	60	10 00	18 60
Silver Creek	Lawrence	*Thomas Price*, S. Ross	Monticello	6	9	1		5	1	97	19	116	45	8 00	17 55
Society Hill	do	Wm. Fortenberry, M. M. Fortenberry	do	2	2	1	8		1	65	13	78	40	8 00	4 75
Shiloh	do	G. H. Barrett, E. Douglas	Fair River	12	2		1		1	54	9	63	30	3 55	
Sand Hill	Marion	J. Smith, J. M. Lee	Riceville	5	1		3					43	30	3 00	2 00
State Line	do	A. Morris, J. M. Pigot	Fordsville	6	4		2			43	6	49	40	5 00	
Salem	Pike	J. Coney, W. Stephenson	Magnolia	17	4		5		1	37	28	65	30	4 00	
Union	do	E. Thornhill	Connelley's	1	2	1	8	3	1	139	3	142	75	10 00	26 40
Union Hall	Lawrence	G. W. Simmons	Brookhaven	18	10		5	1	1	51	4	55	50	7 00	1 50
GRAND TOTALS				145	68	10	84	27	25	1288	292	1623		126 05	167 55

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ARTICLES OF FAITH, OF THE PEARL RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

1. We believe in one Triune God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, the same in essence, equal in power and glory.

2. We believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testament were given by the inspiration of God, and are the only rules of faith and practice.

3. We believe in the fall of Adam from his original rectitude, in the imputation of his sin to all posterity; in the total depravity of human nature, and in man's inability to restore himself to the favor of God.

4. We believe that God hath loved his people with an everlasting love; that he chose them in Christ before the foundation of the world; that he calleth them with a holy and effectual calling; and being justified alone through the righteousness of Christ, imputed to them, they are kept, by the power of God, through faith, into salvation.

5. We believe there is one Mediator between God and man, the man Jesus Christ; who, by the satisfaction he made to law and justice, in becoming an offering for sin, hath, by his most precious blood, redeemed the elect from under the curse of the law, that they might be holy and without blame before him in love.

6. We believe that good works are the fruits of faith, and follow after justification, and are evidences of a gracious state, and that all believers are bound to obey every command of God from a principle of love.

7. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, and a general judgment; that the happiness of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked will be everlasting.

ON GOSPEL ORDER.

1. We believe that a visible Church of Christ is a congregation of faithful persons, who have given themselves to

the LORD, and to one another in brotherly covenant to keep up a godly discipline, agreeable to the rules of the New Testament.

2. We believe that JESUS CHRIST is the only Head and Lawgiver of his Church; that the government is with the body, the Church, and is equally the right and the privilege of each member thereof.

3. We believe that Baptism and the LORD'S Supper are gospel ordinances appointed by JESUS CHRIST, and are to be continued in the Church until his second coming.

4. We believe that Immersion only is Baptism, and that believers in CHRIST are the only proper subjects.

5. We believe that none but regularly baptised church members have a right to partake of the LORD'S Supper.

6. We believe that it is the duty and privilege of all believers to make a public confession of their faith, to submit to the ordinances of the gospel, and give themselves as members to the visible Church.

7. We believe it to be the duty of every church to expel from her communion every member that is immoral in conduct, or that holds doctrines contrary to the scriptures.

OBJECTS AND POWERS OF THIS ASSOCIATION.

1. This Association acknowledges and maintains that each Church is an independent body, and possesses the sole right to exercise and control its own affairs, and therefore, this Association has no right or power to interfere with the internal rights and privileges of churches composing its body, but may withdraw from any church which may hold false doctrines, or telerate immoral practices.

2. The objects of this Association shall be to promote fellowship and harmony among the churches; to inquire into any difficulties between churches, and remove them if possible; to give the churches the best advice they can in difficult matters, when solicited, and in general, to advance the Redeemer's Kingdom, in any way they may deem it practicable.

3. With regard to the benevolent institutions in our country, we declare it to be the inalienable right of every Association, of every church, or individual member of a church, to support them, or not support them, according to their own views of duty, and dictates of their own conscience; and this right shall never be called in question in this Association. And any motion, whereby this right is called in question, shall be instantly ruled by the Moderator, as being unconstitutional.

4. This Association may maintain a friendly correspondence, when convenient, with other religious bodies of the same faith and order.

5. Ministers of the Gospel in good standing, though not delegates, may be invited to seats in this Association, but not to have the privilege of voting.

6. The Association may appoint any person, or persons, by and with their consent, to transact any business they may deem necessary.

7. The Association may adjourn to any time and place they think proper.

8. The Association shall keep a record of their proceedings, and have them printed when necessary.

9. The Association shall have a fund, and elect annually a treasurer to take charge of it, who shall account to the Association for all moneys which shall come into his hands for the use of this Association.

10. The Association may form their own by-laws and regulate their own proceedings, in such manner as they may think expedient.

RULES OF DECORUM.

1. This Association shall consist of delegates choses by the Churches to which they respectively belong, and shall be styled THE PEARL RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

2. Such delegates shall be members in good standing, and no member under church censure shall be allowed a seat in the Association.

3. They shall produce letters certifying their appointment by their respective churches, and stating the number baptised, received by letter, restored, dismissed, excommunicated and deceased, during the preceding Associational year, with the total number in fellowship, and such other statistical matters as the Association may direct.

4. This Association shall have a Moderator and Clerk, who shall be annually chosen by a majority of the members present. Said Moderator and Clerk shall fill their respective places, if present, at the succeeding Association, till a new election takes place, and, while in office, shall discharge the duties ordinarily appertaining to those offices.

5. If new churches desire to be admitted into the Association, they shall petition by letter and delegates, and if orthodox and orderly, shall be received, and the Moderator shall recognize them by giving their delegates the right hand of fellowship in behalf of the body.

6. Every church shall be allowed two delegates, and no more, until her number shall reach one hundred, and one delegate for every additional fifty members thereafter, until she may have four delegates, and no more.

7. The Association shall neither answer nor debate any query on gospel doctrine, except it be merely to explain the meaning of the Articles of Faith of this Association.

8. Every motion made in order and seconded, shall be reduced to writing, if required by any member, and shall be considered by the Association, unless withdrawn by the mover before discussion.

9. Motions made and lost shall not be recorded on the minutes, unless so ordered at the time.

10. If any proposition or motion under debate contains two or more points, it shall be divided at the request of any member, and the vote taken on each point seperately.

11. Only one member shall speak at the same time, who shall rise from his seat and address the Moderator; he shall confine himself to the subject properly in debate; cast no re-

flections on the Association, or any member thereof, and shall not be interrupted while speaking.

12. No person shall speak more than three times upon the same subject, without leave of the Association.

13. The Moderator shall have the privilege of speaking on any question in debate; the chair being previously filled. He shall rise from his seat to put the question to the body.

14. The Moderator shall decide questions of order, but an appeal from such decision may be taken to the whole body, which shall be decided without debate.

15. A majority of the members present shall be necessary to carry any proposition or motion, and the Moderator shall vote as other members when the question is taken; and in case of a tie the motion is lost.

16. Committees shall be nominated by the Moderator, subject to the approval of the Association.

17. There shall be no talking or whispering while a brother is speaking.

18. No brother shall finally depart from the Association without leave of the body.

19. The names of the delegates shall be enrolled by the clerk, and called over, whenever it is thought necessary.

20. Minutes shall be read and carefully corrected, if necessary, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk, before the Association rises.

21. A motion for final adjournment shall be construed to embrace the previous reading and adoption of the minutes.

22. The Association shall be opened and closed by prayer.

23. Immediately after the organization of the Association the Rules of Order shall be distinctly read, by order from the Moderator.

24. The foregoing articles shall be subject to alteration or amendment, at any regular meeting of the Association, by a majority of the Association.

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MINUTES OF THE
Pearl River Baptist Association.

STATE LINE CHURCH, Marion county, Miss., Sept. 10th, 1859.

According to appointment the Pearl River Baptist Association convened at the time and place above stated; and bro. William Williams being absent, a sermon introductory was delivered by his alternate, bro. N. Robertson, from the latter part of the 10th verse of the 49th chapter of Genesis: *"And unto Him shalt the gathering of the people be."*

An intermission ensued, after which the delegates from the Churches assembled in the house, and in the absence of bro. Crawford, the former Moderator, on motion by bro. C. Magee, bro. Wm. Fortinberry, was called to the chair.

Bro. Wm. E. Sheppard led in the preparatory prayer.

The letters from the Churches were read by bros. Wm. Barnes and M. M. Fortinberry; the names of the delegates were enrolled, and the state of the churches recorded in form.

Proceed to ballot for officers, bro. Wm. Fortinberry was chosen Moderator, N. Robertson, Clerk, and S. Ross, Treasurer. Bro. M. M. Fortinberry was appointed reading Clerk.

The rules of Order were then read.

Preaching at the stand this afternoon by bros. A. Slaydon and Wm. Toler.

Ministers not delegates, were invited to seats in the Association.

A committee on preaching was appointed consisting of bros. I. N, Pigot, Wm. Barnes, H. Hooker, J. Dickerson and G. C. Fortinberry.

H. Hooker and G. C. Fortinberry were appointed a committee on Finance.

On motion, by bro. Barnes, a committee of five members was appointed to take into consideration the best practicable method of raising a permanent fund, the interest of which

shall be appropriated to the support and education of the indigent widows and orphans of deceased Baptist ministers, and report on Monday; whereupon, the chair appointed bros. Wm. Barnes, C. Magee, J. Dickerson, H. Hooker and A. S. Harper; at the request of bro. Barnes, the Moderator and Clerk were added, and the nomination approved.

Received correspondence from sister Associations as follows —From the Mississippi. a letter and minutes by the hand of bro. S. W. Bulloch—we regret the failure of his colleague, bro. Z. Reeves. A letter from the Hobolochitto by the hand of bro. A. A. Harvey soliciting correspondence. A letter from the Ebenezer, by bros. W. E. Sheppard and J. A. Boutwell. From the Eastern Louisiana, a letter and minutes by bros. I. J. Pouns, B. L. Lee and W. Simmons. A letter and minutes from the Strong River, by bro. W. Toler. We are sorry to say that his colleague, bro. James Murray failed to come.

Arranged correspondence with sister Associations as follows: Bro. M. M. Fortinberry to write to the Mississippi; bro. E. Douglass to the Strong River; bro. A. S. Harper to the Ebenezer; bro. B. A. Crawford to the Eastern Louisiana: bro. W. W. Brooke to the Hobolochitto; bro. T. J. Hatcher to the Mississippi River. And the following brethren were appointed messengers, viz: N. Robertson and C. F. Crawford to the Mississippi; Wm. Williams and A. S. Harper to the Ebenezer; C. Magee and J. E. Pouns to the Eastern Louisiana; E. Douglass and Wm. Portinberry to the Strong River; J. B. Lewis and B. A. Crawford to the Mississippi River.

Leave of absence during the session was given to bros. S. H. Walker and Wm. Hathorn.

Bro. Robertson presented a letter and a number of copies of "The Children's Friend," sent to him for this Association, by A. C. Dayton, of Nashville, Tenn., Corresponding Secretary of the Southern Baptist Sabbath School Union. The letter was read and received, and the papers were accepted and distributed according to request.

Adjourned to meet on Monday next at 9 o'clock, a. m.
Prayer by bro. Robertson.

SUNDAY—In conformity with the arragement of the committee on preaching, bros. S. W. Bulloch, N. Robertson and W. E. Sheppard preached at the stand in the order of their names.

MONDAY, September 12th:

Met pursuant to adjournment.

Bro. S. W. Bulloch led in prayer.

Called the roll.

The committee on preaching reported that they had appointed bros. E. Douglass and B. L. Lee to preach to-day, and Wm. Toler to close.

Agreed to meet again in Association on Saturday preceding the second Sunday in September, 1850, with the Church at Silver Creek, Lawrence county, six miles south east of Monticello, bro. Wm. Williams is appointed to preach the introductory, and bro. Joseph E. Pouns his alternate.

A written report was received from bro. H. G. Barret, who was requested last year to obtain, if possible, the record-book of the Association; which book is a stitched volume containing a consecutive series of the minutes of this Association from its organization; it appears by the said report that the book is lost.

Letters to corresponding Associations were read and approved.

The auditing committee made a report which was received, and then

The Treasurer's Report was read and ordered to be published in these minutes.

The committee appointed on Saturday to inquire into the propriety, and the best means of raising a permanent fund for the benefit of the widows and orphans of deceased ministers made the following report, which was adopted:

We the committee appointed by the Pearl River Baptist Association, to take into consideration the propriety and most

practicable method of raising a permanent Fund, the interest of which shall be appropriated to the support and education of the indigent widows and orphans of deceased Baptist ministers within the bounds of this Association; and in case there should be more funds raised than is used for this object, it shall be devoted to charitable purposes, to be disposed of by this Association, beg leave to make the following Report;

1. We believe the raising of said fund to be a laudable and praise-worthy undertaking; and that it should commend itself to every individual within the bounds of this Association.

2. As to the best method of raising said fund, we recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That this Association appoint six agents, four on the west side of Pearl River and two on the east side, to raise said fund by taking subscriptions, payable in five equal annual instalments, and by soliciting and receiving contributions in any other way.

And be it further resolved, That said agents be required to report the result of their labors at the next meeting of this Association.

All of which, is respectfully submitted.

WM. BARNES, *Chairman.*

The following brethren were appointed agents under the above resolution; John Dickerson, N. E. Price, G. C. Fortinberry and Josiah Holmes on the west side of Pearl River; and Hymerick Hooker and A. S. Harper on the east. Said agents are required to pay over into the hands of the Treasurer of this Association any money they may collect. And the Treasurer is authorized to loan the same at interest.

The agents aforesaid presented subscriptions to the members of the Association on the spot and obtained the sum of two hundred and fifty-five dollars.

On motion by bro. Robertson:

WHEREAS it has seemed good in the sight of the great Head of the Church, to visit our beloved brother, Elder

Jesse Crawford, our former Moderator, with a severe bodily affliction, whereby his family is in a great measure deprived of his advice and assistance ;—the churches, lately under his charge, of the benefit of his services ; and this Association of the advantages of his counsel and labors—Therefore,

Resolved, That we feel deeply the loss of his presence and aid ; that we sincerely sympathize with our brother in his distress and sufferings ; and we pray the Lord (in submission to His will) to restore him to his former health and strength ; but if it is not His good pleasure to grant this desire, that He will abundantly bless our afflicted brother with His gracious presence, so that he may possess a firm faith, a bright hope and a fervent spirit.

Resolved further, That bro. Calvin Magee be requested to present to brother Crawford a copy of the above resolution, in the name of this Association.

Having disposed of other business, the Association proceeded to take under consideration our Missionary affairs, and appointed a Missionary Board for the ensuing year, consisting of brethren James Mikell, M. M. Fortinberry, Hymerick Hooker, T. J. White, A. J. Burkett, F. M. Polk, S. H. Walker William Barnes, N. Robertson, Simeon Ross, Jesse D. Cannon and John Polk.

The Association desired the Missionary Board to continue their exertions to supply the destitute portion of our country east of Pearl River with the preached gospel, and if practicable, to assist the destitute churches there, in obtaining a regular ministry. And also, if in their power, to send a minister into a new field of destitution on the west side of Pearl River.

The Annual Report of the Missionary Board was read, and directed to be appended to the minutes.

Our session was pleasant and perfectly harmonious, and the business being finished, bro. Robertson offered prayer, and

The Association adjourned.

WM. FORTINBERRY, *Mod.*

N. ROBERTSON, Clerk.

REPORT OF THE MISSIONARY BOARD.

DEAR BRETHREN :—Your Missionory Board, in the performance of their annual duty of exhibiting to you a statement of their transactions in the department of labor assigned to them, have to lament that so small an amount of service has been performed since your last annual meeting. We have only to say that we have done all that was practicable under the unfavorable circumstances in which we have been called upon to officiate. Immediately after our appointment, we convened and appointed bro. W. E. Sheppard a missionary to occupy the some field in which he had previously labored. Bro. Sheppard after fulfilling one course of appointments, reported to us his labors, and tendered his resignation. We were fully satisfied that he had justifiable reasons for declining to render us any further service ; and although we regretted the loss of our servant, we could not complain. We still held ourselves ready to supply his place, but have not been able to obtain the services of a successor.

Bro. Sheppard reports to us that he spent eighteen days in your service, preached eighteen sermons, and delivered eight exhortations, visited twenty families and baptised 4 converts

We have given much of our attention to the subject of our Missionary plans, but deem it unadvisable under existing circumstances to submit to you in this report, the result of our reflections.

The condition of your Missionary funds will appear in the Treasurer's Report.

Respectfully submitted,

H. HOOKER, PRES'T, *pro tem.*

N. ROBERTSON, Secretary.

Report of the Auditing Committee.

We your Auditing Committee beg leave to report that we have examined the Treasurer's Report and find it correct, and amply sustained by vouchers. H. HOOKER,
G. C. FORTINBERRY.

TREBSURER'S REPORT FOR 1859.

SIMEON ROSS,

In account with the Pearl River Association, *Dr.*

Received at the Association, 1858, from the churches for Associational purposes,		$126.05
Returned by Wm. Williams, messenger,		7.50
Balance in the Treasury from last year,		286.75
Total,		$420.30

By cash paid out to Corresponding Messengers, *Cr.*

To Wm. Fortinberry,	$17.00	
To Jesse Crawford,	13.50	
To Calvin Magee,	4.50	
To J. B. Lewis,	4.50	
To Wm. Williams,	4.50	
To Thomas Price,	4.50	
To Norvell Robertson,	7.50	
To N. Robertson, for Clerk's fee and printing and distributing minutes,	92.50	
Total,	$149.50	
Balance in this fund,		$270.50

Dr.

Received last Association from the churches for Missionary purposes,		$167.55
Balance in Treasury from last year,		167.65
Total,		$335.20

Cr.

By cash paid W. E. Sheppard, our Missionary,	27.00	
Balance in this fund,		$308.20

SIMEON ROSS, Treasurer.

TABLE OF THE STATISTICS of Pearl River Association of 1859.

CHURCHES	COUNTIES	DELEGATES,	Post Offices,	Baptised	Rec'd by Letter	Restored	Dismissed	Expelled	Dead	Whites	Blacks	Total	Copies Minutes	Associational Fund	Missionary Fund
Antioch	Marion	J. E. Pouns	China Grove	2			2	1	1	37	36	73	25	$2 ..	$3 75
Bethany	Lawrence,	N. Robertson, H. Hooker	Monticello,	2	6	1	11	1	1	135	33	168	80	16 ..	
Bahala	"	No Delegation,	Rayville							62	6	68	38	3 ..	3 15
Bethel	"	L. C. Maxwell	Monticello							20	1	21	20	3 ..	
Ebenezer	Covington	William Barnes, A. S. Harper,	Wilksburg	4	2	1	5	2	1	50	10	60	40	5 ..	7 85
Fair River	Lawrence,	John Dickerson, Henry Davis	Fair River				9	1	3	47	7	54	35	5 ..	7 50
Grave's Creek	Marion	Benjamin A. Crawford, W. Morris	Columbia	11	1		1			28	1	29	25		3 ..
Hepzibah	Lawrence,	William Daniel, *M.* Bryant,	Monticello	12	1	2	6	2		71	19	90	40	2 50	5 75
Harmony	Covington	*S.* H. Walker,	Mt. Carmel		4		1			33	7	40	30	5 ..	6 50
Magee's Creek	Pike	Josiah Holmes, T. P. Stovall	China Grove	5	2		2		2	34	14	48	25	2 50	2 60
New Zion	"	C. K. Fortinberry, J. Lewis,	Connelley's	7			1		1	63	14	77	30	3 ..	10 ..
Providence	"	William Hathorn, E. W. Thornhill,	Holmesville	5	2					24	3	27	20	3 ..	
Pleasant Hill	Lawrence,	N. E. Price, J. L. Hennington	Bogue Chitto,	13	10		1		1	39		39	40	7 ..	
Red Creek	Harrison	J. Batson, G. B. Davis, [S. O. Magee,	Flint Creek				5			46	3	49	25	3 ..	
Silver Creek,	Pike	G.C.Fortinberry, W.Smith, J.B.Lewis,	Holmesville	5	1	2	4		5	160	65	225	75	5 ..	22 ..
Silver Creek,	Lawrence,	B. T. Sanders	Monticello			1	15	2		82	18	100	40	6 ..	7 ..
Society Hill,	"	Wm. Fortinberry, M.M.Fortinberry,	" "	8	6		3	1	1	70	14	84	40		
Shiloh	"	Elisha Douglass, *S.* Ross	Fair River	7	9		6	1	2	44	11	55	30	3 75	6 25
Sand Hill	Marion	*Z. Doughdrill,* J. M. Lee	Riceville,	1			6	1		37		37	20	2 ..	
State Line	"	I. N. Pigot, T. E. Pigot,	Fordsvile	8			4	2		42	9	51	50	2 50	
Salem	Pike	Calvin Magee, G. N. Bankston,	Magnolia	7	6	1	4	2	1	41	32	73	35	2 50	22 10
Union	"	C. F. Crawford, J. C. Rushing,	Connelley's	1	2	7		3	2	130	4	134	50	5 ..	11 15
Union Hall	Lawrence,	S. J. Smith, T. J. Hatcher,	Brookhaven,	1	3		1		1	56	5	56	50	5 ..	
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PEARL RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

SATURDAY, September 8th, 1860.

THE PEARL RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION met this day in her forty-first annual meeting, with the church at Silver Creek, Lawrence county, Mississippi, and Br. WILLIAM WILLIAMS having been removed by death since our last meeting, a sermon introductory was preached by his alternate Br. JOSEPH E. POUNS, from *Daniel, 2d chap. v.* 44. "And in the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed; and the kingdom shall never be left to other people, but it shall break in pieces, and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand forever."

After an intermission, the delegates from the churches assembled in the meeting-house, and after singing a hymn, prayer was offered by brother CALVIN MAGEE, and the Association was called to order by Br. WM. FORTINBERRY, the former Moderator.

The letters from the churches were then read by Brs. M. M. FORTINBERRY and WM. BARNES.

Brs. T. K. MAXWELL and A. S. HARPER were appointed to assist the Treasurer in receiving the contributions from the churches.

The Association then proceeded to ballot for officers, Brs. JAMES MIKELL and G. C. FORTINBERRY acting as tellers, at the close of which the tellers reported that the preceding officers were re-elected, viz: WILLIAM FORTINBERRY, Moderator, NORVELL ROBERTSON, Clerk, and SIMEON ROSS, Treasurer.

Invitation was given to ministers present, who were not members of the body, to take seats with us and assist us in our business. Br. AARON JONES, Jr., of Jackson, editor of the *Mississippi Baptist*, accepted the invitation.

Opportunity was now offered to churches desiring to unite with this Association to present their petitionary letters, whereupon, the church at Friendship, Lawrence county, lately constituted, presented a letter by her delegates, MASTON PARKMAN and WM. B. BREWER.

Also, the church at Mount Olive, Washington Parish, La., presented a letter of dismission from the Habolachitto Association, and requested admission into this body by her delegates, JAMES THIGPEN and A. A. HARVEY.

Also, the church at Little Black Creek, Marion County, Mi., lately constituted, presented a letter by her delegate, LORENZO BATSON.

Also, the church at Mount Zion, Pike County, presented a letter of dismission from the Eastern Louisiana Association, and requested admission by her delegates, JOHN SIMMONS and WM. SIMMONS.

Also, the church at Antioch, Lawrence County, Mi., lately constituted, presented a petitionary letter by her delegates, WM. PENNINGTON and CHARLES CRANE.

All of which churches were duly received into this body, in conformity with the requisitions of our Constitution.

Brs. M. M. FORTINBERRY, WM. BARNES, A. A. HARVEY, G. C. FORTINBERRY and G. C. MAXWELL, were appointed a committee to arrange preaching during the session.

The Association suspended proceedings for a few minutes to attend to a short address from Br. JONES, in relation to the interests of the *Mississippi Baptist*, in which Br. JONES presented some very forcible and instructive considerations in favor of our sustaining this valuable denominational organ.

Correspondence was received from sister Associations as follows:

From the Mississippi, a letter and package of Minutes, by her messengers, ZACHARIAH REEVES and SAMUEL W. BULLOCH, her other messenger, Br. H. MACKNIGHT failed to meet us.

From the Habolachitto, a letter and Minutes, by her messengers, A. M. Slaydon, A. A. Harvey and O. A. Mitchell.

From the Strong River, a letter and Minutes by her Messengers, James Murry, and Wm. Toler.

No communication from the Ebenezer, Eastern Louisiana or Mississippi River.

Agreed to continue correspondence with sister Associations, and appointed A. A. Harvey to write to the Habolachitto; Brs. Z. Doughdrill, Joseph B. Lewis and Charles F. Crawford, messengers. Br. J. S. Stokes to write to the Ebenezer; Brs. N. Robertson and Wm. Fortinberry, messengers. Br. P. B. Williams to write to the Mississippi; Brs. N. Robertson and Jas. Bailey, messengers. Br. J. G. Leggett to write to the Eastern Louisiana; Br. Joseph E. Pouns and Calvin Magee, messengers. Br. B. A. Crawford to write to the Mississippi River; Brs. Benjamin A. Crawford and Joseph B. Lewis, messengers.

The committee on preaching reported that they had appointed Br. S. W. Bulloch to preach at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, to-morrow, Br. Z. Reeves to follow; and in the afternoon, Br. Aaron Jones to preach and Calvin Magee to close the services.

Brs. W. B. Brewer and H. Bulloch had leave of absence during the remainder of the session.

Brs. T. K. Maxwell and A. S. Harper were appointed a committee to audit the Treasurer's accounts.

A committee was appointed to take into consideration the *Widows' Fund*, and advise what course the Association should adopt and pursue with regard to it; said committee consisted of Brs. William Barnes, A. S. Harper, P. B. Williams, William Hathorn and C. Magee, and on motion of Br. Barnes, the Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer were added.

Brs. J. S. Stokes and S. H. Walker were appointed a committee to prepare an obituary notice of Br. William Williams, late minister of Harmony church, Covington County.

Br. S. W. Bulloch led in prayer, and Association adjourned to meet on Monday next, at 9 o'clock, A. M.

SUNDAY, September 9th, 1860.

Pursuant to arrangement of the committee, Brs. S. W. Bulloch, Z. Reeves and A. Jones preached, in the order of their names, to a large assembly of hearers. They earnestly and faithfully contended for the truth as it is in Jesus; and to such as received it into obedient hearts, no doubt it will prove a savor of life unto life; but if any rejected the counsel of God against themselves, it must, (without repentance) prove a savor of death unto death.

MONDAY, September 10th, 1860.

Met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by Br. E. Douglas.

The roll was called by the Clerk, and Association proceeded to business.

Leave of absence was granted to Brs. Wm. Slay and Isaiah Smith, on account of sickness in their families.

Took up the query from the church at Shiloh, viz: "What course should a church pursue with a member, whose membership is in a distant church, and who has been in the habit of communing with a church, and then becomes guilty of disorderly conduct, for which the church would deal with one of her own members?" Brs. William Barnes, C. Magee and P. B. Williams were appointed a committee to prepare an answer, and they had leave to retire for that purpose.

Received by private hand a letter and package of Minutes from the Ebenezer Association.

The committee to whom was referred the query from Shiloh, reported the following answer, which was adopted:

Your committee, to whom was referred the query from Shiloh, beg leave to report—That your committee is of opinion that there is no direct rule laid down in the Scriptures governing such a case, yet would recommend to the church which knows of his said guilt, to report said member to the church he or she belongs to.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

WM. BARNES, *Chairman.*

Agreed to hold our next session with the church at Salem, Pike County, near Magnolia, to commence on Sunday preceding the second Sunday in September, 1861.

Br. Robertson is appointed to preach the introductory, and Br. Bailey his alternate.

Brs. H. Hooker, A. S. Harper, J. Dickerson, Josiah Holmes, G. C. Fortinberry, and N. E. Price, were appointed agents for the *Widows' Fund.*

The Clerk was appointed to superintend the printing and distribution of the Minutes. And ordered that he receive twenty dollars for his services.

The Clerk was authorized and requested to revise and amend the programme of business of this Association.

Letters of correspondence were read and approved.

The auditing committee made a report, which was received; and thereupon the Treasurer's Report was read, and ordered to be appended to our Minutes.

The committee appointed to prepare an obituary notice of Br. Wm. Williams, deceased, submitted a report, which was adopted, as follows:

Whereas it has seemed good in the sight of the Great Head of the Church to remove from among us by the hand of death our beloved brother Elder WILLIAM WILLIAMS, who has been long esteemed by us as a useful and faithful minister of the Gospel of Christ—

Be it Resolved, That the Pearl River Association deeply and sensibly feel the loss of our beloved brother, whose counsel and aid has been of inestimable value to us; and also the churches which were under his charge have sustained a loss which cannot be easily supplied, and the community one of its best citizens.

Be it further Resolved, That this Association deeply sympathize with his disconsolate family in the inexpressible loss they have been called upon to sustain, under the chastising hand of an all-wise and loving Heavenly Father.

S. H. WALKER, *Chairman.*

The committee appointed on the *Widows' Fund* made the following report:

We, the committee appointed by the Pearl River Baptist Association to take into consideration the best and safest method of loaning and collecting the funds raised for the support of indigent widows and orphans of deceased Baptist ministers, and other charitable purposes, beg leave to report—

Your committee having had the same under deliberate consideration, do agree unanimously to recommend the following resolutions:

1st. Resolved, That this Association become a corporate body.

2d. Resolved, That the Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, and their successors in office, be appointed Trustees to loan and collect said funds.

3d. Resolved, That these Trustees be required to report at each annual meeting of this Association an account of their proceedings.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

WM. BARNES, *Chairman.*

Which said report, as above, was adopted, and the said Trustees were directed to carry out the intent of these resolutions.

Brs. William Morris and Seaborn Morris were granted leave of absence during the present session.

Reports were made by the agents of the *Widows' Fund,* which were accepted; and it is ordered that hereafter these agents shall report to the Trustees of said Fund.

On motion by Br. Robertson,

Whereas we have had the misfortune to lose the records of this Association, and being unwilling that our past history should be entirely lost—Therefore,

Resolved, That the brethren in connexion with this body be, and they are hereby respectfully and earnestly solicited to send up to our next meeting, or to our Clerk before that time, copies of the Minutes of our former sessions, especially of the early meetings of this Association. Also,

Resolved, That in order to insure, as much as possible, the preservation of our records, there shall be appointed some suitable person to keep a manuscript record of our proceedings, and that he shall be allowed a fair compensation for his services.

Whereupon, on motion, Br. N. Robertson was appointed to perform that service.

Ordered, That hereafter messengers appointed to other Associations, and failing to attend, shall return any moneys in their hands to the Treasurer previous to the next ensuing session of this body.

The Annual Report of the Missionary Board was called for, and read by the Clerk, and is appended to these Minutes.

The following named brethren were appointed a Missionary Board for the ensuing year, viz: James Mikell, M. M. Fortinberry, H. Hooker, T. J. White, A. J. Burkitt, F. M. Polk, J. S. Stokes, Wm. Barnes, N. Robertson, Simeon Ross, H. H. Dale, John Polk.

Resolved, That hereafter, whenever a vacancy may occur in the Board, the remaining members of the Board may fill such vacancy by electing a successor.

Our missionaries now, by request, gave us very interesting and instructive accounts of the state of our missions in their respective fields of labor.

The business of the Association was conducted in perfect peace and harmony, and being now completed, the Minutes were read and approved Then united in singing a hymn—Br. N. Robertson led in prayer, and

Association adjourned.

WM. FORTINBERRY, *Moderator.*

N. ROBERTSON, *Clerk.*

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

MISSIONARY BOARD.

DEAR BRETHREN—For the first time, we believe, since this Board was instituted, we have to perform the mournful duty of reporting that our number has been diminished by death. About a month after your last session, brother JESSE D. CANNON was removed from the *field of labor* to the *house of rest*. Br. CANNON was a judicious counsellor and a fervent friend of the cause, and his loss was sensibly felt, not only by the Board, but also by the Church, of which he was an efficient and useful member, and by the community in which he resided.

Within a few days after the Association adjourned, the newly appointed members of the Board met, and organized by electing N. Robertson President and H. Hooker Secretary. And we entered on our duties with pleasure, being animated with more than ordinary hopes and expectations. In order that nothing should be wanting on our part, we agreed to meet statedly once every month during the year.

We had the satisfaction to procure again the services of Br. William Fortinberry, to prosecute the work on the east side of Pearl River, where he has labored one hundred and thirty-eight days; and the measure of success which has succeeded his labors, and the evident manifestations of Divine favor, has often awakened in our hearts the exercises of grateful joy; and to him, we doubt not, has constituted a "reward in the bosom" which worldly pelf has no power to bestow. If those who have prayed, and labored, and communicated, with a view to extend the blessings of the Gospel to the people of that portion of our country, will now carefully trace the history of our efforts, from the beginning up to the present date, and compare the field as it *now is*, with what it *then was*, we think they would feel impelled to double their prayers, their sacrifices and their endeavors in that behalf.

In the commencement of our labors Providence seemed to smile upon us, and create within us pleasing anticipations, for it was our peculiar gratification to engage the services of Br. CALVIN MAGEE on the west side of Pearl. The length of time Br. MAGEE has been in the ministry, his known prudence, and

his mature experience in the work, and in the affairs of Christ's kingdom, enabled your Board, without the least reluctance, to place this new field under his management. This being the first time your Board has been called upon to direct its attention to this field, we necessarily felt the weight of our increased responsibility, and a deep solicitude as to what might be the results. And we were soon called upon to encounter a painful discouragement. Forbidding providences from the hand of Him, who is higher than the highest, prevented our brother from entering on his labors as soon as we desired, and as we had reason to expect, so that at one time we entertained serious fears that all our fond anticipations would prove abortive. But opposing obstacles yielding, Br. MAGEE was prepared to commence labors in his field in March, and has planted and watered with diligence: and has realized a reward which we think has hardly come short of his own expectations. Our Lord has given us full testimony of his approbation of our endeavors to extend and establish the kingdom of the Redeemer in this new field of Gospel labor. It has been a source of special gratification to your Board, that your first attempt in this direction should receive such signal evidences of Divine favor.

We now present you with the following synopsis of the labors and results of your missionaries:

Br. Fortinberry has labored 138 days, preached 124 sermons, addressed 3635 hearers, travelled 2171 miles, and baptized 12 converts. Br. Magee has labored 50 days, preached 50 sermons, addressed 1308 hearers, travelled 612 miles, and baptized 11 converts. Making a total of 188 days' labor—174 sermons—4943 persons have heard the Gospel message—23 converts have professed Christ, and our missionaries have travelled 2783 miles.

Thus you see, brethren, that our labors, our expenditures, and our success, have considerably exceeded anything we have been able to report to you in any former year.

The amount of funds now in the hands of the Treasurer is not sufficient to enable the Board to prosecute this work with the same vigor for any great length of time, as the present balance is only about one hundred and twenty-five dollars. And we deem it a question of no small importance, whether, if laborers can be procured, the work shall cease, or even be impeded, for the want of money. But we must leave it with you to decide this question, for the direction of the Board during the ensuing year.

N. ROBERTSON, *President.*

H. HOOKER, *Secretary.*

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR 1860.

SIMEON ROSS in account with PEARL RIVER ASSOCIATION.

Received at last Association for associational purposes	$ 91 75
Balance in the Treasury brought forward	270 80
Total	$362 55

Cr. By cash paid out to Corresponding Messengers.

To N. Robertson, messenger	10 50
To C. F. Crawford	19 50
To E. Douglas	7 50
To Wm. Fortinberry	21 00
To William Williams	7 50
To A. S. Harper	7 50
To J. B. Lewis	10 50
To B. A. Crawford	10 50
To Calvin Magee	10 50
To J. E. Pouns	13 50
To N Robertson for Clerk's fee, and printing and distributing Minutes	76 60
Total credits	$195 10
Balance in this fund is	$167 45

Widows' Fund.

Received at Association 1859, for benevolent purposes:	
From John Dickerson, Agent	5 00
From Josiah Holmes, Agent	4 00
Total in this fund is	9 00

Missionary Fund.

Received at the Association, 1859, from the churches, for missionary purposes	138 30
Received of R. B. Barnes	2 00
Received, Aug. 8, 1860, from Bethany church	43 00
Do. from Society Hill church	10 00
Total in this fund	193 30
Balance in the Treasury brought forward	308 10
Total	501 40

Cr. By cash paid out for Missionary services.

To William Fortinberry for missionary services	276 00
To Calvin Magee for do. do	100 00
Total credits	376 00
Balance in this fund is	$125 40

SIMEON ROSS, *Treasurer.*

We, your Auditing Committee, beg leave to report that we have examined the Treasurer's Report and found it correct, and amply sustained by vouchers.

A. S. HARPER,
T. K. MAXWELL.

1860.

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S, *Treasurer.*

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by vouchers.
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Churches.	Counties.	Delegates.	Post Office.	Baptized .....
Antioch	Marion	*J. E. Pouns*, N. Conart	ina Grove	
Antioch	Lawrence	C. Crane, Wm. Pennington	ir River	
Bethany	"	*N. Robertson*, H. Hooker	nticello	61
		J. S. Stokes, J. Mikell		
Bahala	"	Wm. Slay, Wm. Walker	hala	
Bethel	"	J. Smith, W. C. Maxwell	nticello	12
Ebenezer	Covington	Wm. Barnes, Sen., A. S. Har	lumbia	6
Fair River	Lawrence	*Wm. H. Bailey*, T. K. Maxwe	r River	5
Friendship	"	M. Parkman, W. B. Brewer	nticello	
Graves Creek	Marion	W. Morris, S. Morris	lumbia	7
Hephzibah	Lawrence	D. Scarborough, W. W. Dan	nticello	5
Harmony	Covington	S. H. Walker, W. W. Self	Carmel	
Little Black Creek	Marion	Lorenzo Batson	gusta	
Magee's Creek	Pike	J. Holmes, T. E. Stovall	ina Grove	5
Mount Olive	Wash. Pa. La.	J. Thigpen, A. A. Harvey	dy Grove	
Mount Zion	Pike	W. Simmons, J. Simmons	yka	
New Zion	"	C. K. Fortinberry, H. Bulloc	nelley's	2
Providence	"	W. Thornhill, W. Hathorn	lnesville	11
Pleasant Hill	Lawrence	P. B. Williams, J. Coker	gue Chitto	
Red Creek	Harrison	S. Batson, J. P. Brown	nt Creek	1
Silver Creek	Pike	*B. A. Crawford, J. B. Lew*	lnesville	12
Silver Creek	Lawrence	J. G. Leggett, G. C. Fortinber	nticello	4
Society Hill	"	H. H. Dale, M. M. Fortinber		10
Shiloh	"	*Wm. Fortinberry*, J. E. Fortin	r River	2
Sand Hill	Marion	*E. Douglas*, S. Ross	lumbia	
State Line	"	J. M. Lee, *Z. Doughdrill*	ldsville	5
Salem	Pike	T. E. Pigot, J. N. Pigot	gnolia	14
Union	"	*C. Magee*, M. J. Coney	nelley's	14
Union Hall	Lawrence	*C. A. Crawford*, J. A. Craw	okhaven	7
		A. Davis, P. Simmons		
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Delegates.

N. Conart
m. Pennington
H. Hooker
J. Mikell
Vm. Walker
C. Maxwell
Sen., A. S. Ha
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W. B. Brewer
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ns, J. Coker
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rd, J. B. Lenn
G. C. Fortinb
I. M. Fortinb
rry, J. E. Fortin
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Doughdrill,
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J. Coney
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Post Office.	Baptized	Received by letter.	Restored	Dismissed	Expelled	Dead	Whites	Blacks	Total	Number of copies.	Association Fund.	Mission Fund.
ina Grove				4	1	4	31	33	64	25	2 00	16 00
ir River									11	15	2 00	
nticello	61	3		4	3	6	182	37	219	75	16 00	23 00
hala		4	1	1		1	65	5	70	40	5 00	3 85
nticello	12	2				4	28	4	32	25	3 00	5 00
lumbia	6	2	2	4		1	53	13	66	40	4 00	15 00
ir River	5	9		15	1	2	42	4	46	35	5 00	5 00
nticello									9	15	3 00	
lumbia	7			4			31	1	32	20	2 00	
nticello	5	2		1	2	6	71	19	90	40	5 00	7 40
Carmel		2		4	1	1	27	9	36	20	4 50	3 75
gusta									11	10	1 50	
ina Grove	5					2	33	17	50	25	3 00	7 25
ady Grove									25	20	2 00	10 00
yka									130	60	8 00	10 00
nelley's	2	2			2	3	55	12	67	25	3 00	20 50
lmesville	11	2				4	28	6	34	30	3 00	
gue Chitto		5		2		3	39		39	40	5 00	
nt Creek	1				2		45	3	48	25	3 00	30 15
lmesville	12	7		14		8	161	60	221	80	5 00	12 75
nticello	4	2		11	1	4	55	17	72	40	5 00	11 00
	10	8		10	2	4	69	16	85	40	4 00	11 00
r River	2	5		3	1	1	47	11	58	25	4 75	2 00
lumbia									37	20	2 00	3 50
ldsville	5	3		8		1	43	7	50	50	2 50	20 00
gnolia	14	9	1	2	3	4	51	32	83	40	4 00	
nelley's	14			8	2	4	126	8	134	75	5 00	11 10
okhaven	7	2		11		1	51	5	56	25	3 70	2 00
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MINISTERS BELONGING TO THE ASSOCIATION.

Ministers:	*Post Office.*
ORDAINED.	
WILLIAM FORTINBERRY,	COLUMBIA.
CALVIN MAGEE,	MAGNOLIA.
BENJAMIN A. CRAWFORD,	HOLMESVILLE.
CHARLES F. CRAWFORD,	HOLMESVILLE.
ELISHA DOUGLAS,	MONTICELLO.
WILLIAM H. BAILEY,	FAIR RIVER.
NORVELL ROBERTSON,	MONTICELLO.
JOSEPH E. POUNS,	FORDSVILLE.
STEPHEN HILBUN	OSYKA.
JESSE CRAWFORD,	HOLMESVILLE.
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Z. DOUGHDRILL,	COLUMBIA.
JOSEPH B. LEWIS,	OSYKA.
JAMES S. STOKES,	WHITESAND.

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